

Series: Without Question, # 5

Sin and Punishment

Psalm 32:1-2, 5 Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord", and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalm 119:11 I have hidden your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:133 Direct my footsteps according to your Word, let no sin rule over me.

Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people.

Matthew 25:46 Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.

Luke 12:47 The servant who knows the master's will and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants, will be beaten with many blows.

John 1:29 Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

John 8:34 Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

2 Thess. 1:8-9 Those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus, will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.

To study: Romans 1-7 1 John 1-3
Psalm 51:1-5 Psalm 66:16-20
Zechariah 1:1-6

What is sin?

Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by not being or doing what he requires in his law; this results in our death and the disintegration of all creation.

1 John 1:5-10, 1 John 3:4, 8

Prayer: Lord of the universe, all your ways are good. We pursue the way of death when we go our own way. Help us to see sin as the poison it is. Let your law, rather than the spirit of lawlessness, shape our minds and our lives. Amen.

Will God allow disobedience to go unpunished?

No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness and goodness of God, and against his righteous law. God is right to be angry with our sins, and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.

Ephesians 5:5-6, 1 Peter 2:21-25

Prayer: Righteous Lord, if we think that we are good, we deceive ourselves. We deserve your wrath. We have broken your commands, and failed to love you with our whole hearts. We can only plead the righteousness of Christ and ask you to let our punishment fall on him. Amen.